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Double-Talk Puzzles Tokyo

Washington, Ridgway
At Cross Purposes
From Selkirk Pantan

Tokyo, June 28.
There is something like
the famous "MacArthur
versus Truman" row brew-
ing in Tokyo between Mac-
Arthur's successor, paratrooper General Matthew
Ridgway and the Washing-
ton administration.

The new United Nations
commander-in-chief issued a
statement declaring it to be a
"State Department" document.
It poured ice water on Mr.
Malik's proposal for peace along
the 38th parallel in Korea.

But two hours later an official
spokesman hurried to declare
that the document wasn't
"official" and added that a
"memorandum had been issued
to the United Nations allies to
explain the United States re-
sponse to Malik's proposals."

So this morning nobody in
Tokyo is quite sure of what
for at the same time came
United States Secretary of State
Acheson's declaration that
Malik's offer to end the war
along the South and North
Korean border would be the
"successful conclusion" of the
Korean war for the United
Nations.

South Korean President, Syg-
man Rhee, too has been ticked
off by his belated statements.
Without being able to get his
own forces to defend South
Korea he suddenly declared
that no peace was possible until
the Allies reach the Yalu
River—of course with the help
of non-Korean United Nations
forces.

So no Tuesday, General Ridg-
way paid him a first visit in
Korea—and since then Rhee has
been quiet. —London Express
Service.

NO COMMENT
Tokyo, June 28.
Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's
public relations officer said the
Supreme Allied Commander
would comment on Russia's pro-
posal for cease-fire negotiations
in Korea only after consultation
with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in
Washington. —Associated Press.

US Opposed To Reparations

Washington, June 27.
The Secretary of State,
Mr. Dean Acheson, re-
affirmed today the United
States' stand against in-
clusion of any reparations
terms in the Japanese
peace treaty.

During the House
Foreign Affairs Committee
hearings on the \$8,500-
000,000 foreign aid bill,
Representative James Ful-
ton (Republican) remark-
ed that the Philippines
was asking \$8,000,000,000
reparations from Japan.
He said: "We would have
to make up the Japanese
deficit and that means in
effect we would be paying
the Philippines repara-
tions. Can agreement on
that be integrated in any
way with the current de-
fence assistance pro-
gram?"

Mr. Acheson: "We main-
tain the first position
against any reparations
in the Japanese treaty." —
United Press.

Japanese Fear Hitch To Treaty

Tokyo, June 27.
Japanese leaders began
worrying today that the peace
treaty may bog down because
of strongly opposed American
and Philippine views on repara-
tions. Some important private
citizens began feeling out the
Japanese government and
American personnel on chances
for a quick compromise.

Some quarters believed that
this could be reached only by
Japanese agreement to make at
least "token" reparations pay-
ments to the Philippines.

The Philippine Ambassador to
the United States, Mr. Joaquin
Elizalde, immediately reported
that his country is irrevocably
committed to its demand for
\$8,000,000,000 from Japan. Re-
ports from Washington said Mr.
Elizalde's remarks were uncom-
promising and tantamount to a
Philippine ultimatum that the
Republic would refuse to sign a
Japanese peace treaty unless Mr.
Acheson modifies the position he
took before the House Foreign
Affairs Committee. — United
Press.

Reported New Russian Proposal For Cease-Fire

TALKS SUGGESTED BETWEEN N. KOREAN & UN COMMANDERS

Washington, June 27.

Russia is reported to have told the United States on
Wednesday that moves toward a truce in Korea should take the
form of talks between the North Korean and the United Nations
field commanders.

Russia's reported suggestion thus would leave the Chinese
Communists out of any impending peace move. Red China has
contended all along that Chinese Communist troops fighting in
Korea are "volunteers" although they are the main force fight-
ing the UN.

It was understood tonight that talks in Moscow Wednesday between
US Ambassador Alan Kirk and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei
Gromyko brought out Russia's desire that "military commanders negotiate
cease-fire terms."

Mr Kirk's report on his talks was rushed to the State Department
this afternoon.

There had been considerable
confusion earlier over the
meaning of the cease-fire
proposal tossed out by So-
viet UN delegate Jacob Malik
in his radio speech in New
York last Saturday.

Mr Malik had said that "the
belligerents" should discuss an
end to hostilities, but left it up
in the air as to the exact
identity of the "belligerents."
The confusion centered on Red
China's official pretense that she
is a non-belligerent.

The Kirk-Gromyko talk in
Moscow and another approach
to Mr Malik in New York—both
ordered by Secretary of State
Dean Acheson—are regarded
here as the first steps in what
may be fairly prolonged East-
West exploratory discussions.
It is believed that much time
will elapse before it can be



PUMPS SHUT OFF IN OIL FIELD AIOC Recall British Technicians

Teheran, June 27.

The British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Com-
pany shut off the pumps in the Aghnar Aghajari
oil field and started calling the 700 British techni-
cians on its field staff to the refinery port of
Abadan on Wednesday for the zero hour of
"Operation Exodus."

That hour may strike on Thursday.

Premier Mohammed Mos-
sadeq called a cabinet meeting
on Wednesday night.
His government is checking
the possibility of getting other
foreign help in the event the
British decline to continue as
employees of the Iranian Na-
tional Oil Company, a govern-
ment agency Premier Mossadeq
has set up as successor to the
AIOC.

Some officials of the billion-
dollar AIOC expect word from
London in the next 24 hours—
unless there is an unforeseeable
break in the oil nationalisation
dispute—to abandon its holdings
in this sun-baked hot spot and
go ahead with the evacuation of
the British staff. —Associated
Press.

LATE NIGHT TALKS
London, June 27.
Mr Winston Churchill, the
Conservative leader, and Mr
Clement Attlee, the Prime
Minister, put aside bitter pol-
itical antagonism and held an
urgent and secret conference
tonight to form a solid front on
the Iranian crisis.
It was the first time in months
Conservative and Labour Party
members had held a meeting
and it was underlined as
little else could the dangerous
situation resulting from Iran's
nationalisation of the oil fields,
and which was threatening to be
climaxed at any time by the
evacuation of British oil com-
pany workers.

An official source said it was
likely Britain would make one
"last-chance" diplomatic ap-
proach to the Iranian Prime
Minister, Mr Mohammed Mos-
sadeq, for peaceful settlement
of the dispute over the oil in-
dustry. However, the Admiralty
announced that the British
cruiser Mauritius had arrived in
the "vicinity" of the oil port of
Abadan and reports from that
city said 2,500 Britons from the
oil fields would be taken out
aboard empty oil tankers if
evacuation became necessary.

Britain completed plans for
evacuation, but it was em-
phasized that no decision to
evacuate had yet been made.
Mr Churchill and Mr Attlee
conferred for more than an
hour, parting at 11 p.m. GMT.
Mr Churchill had asked for a
meeting from the floor of the
House of Commons this after-
noon and his request was
granted a short time later. It
could be expected the Prime
Minister gave his predecessor a
full report of the situation.
Any Labour government steps,
including use of troops to pro-
tect lives if necessary.—United
Press.

ITALIAN AS BOSS?
Rome, June 27.
Italian oil circles tonight
predicted that the Persian
Government would offer the
management of the nationalised
Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to
Count Ettore Carafa D'Amelia;

Appeals To Premier

Dr Henry Grady (left),
US Ambassador to Tehe-
ran, attends the sick bed
of Dr Mohammed Mos-
sadeq, Persian Prime
Minister, and asks him to
give careful consideration
to Britain's compromise
offer in connection with
the Iranian oil dispute.
The appeal, so far, has
fallen on deaf ears. — AP
Picture.

No Reds In Positions Of Trust

London, June 27.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr
Herbert Morrison, reassured
the House of Commons today
that no known Communists or
Fascists were in government
posts "vital to the security of
the State."

Mr Morrison evaded the ques-
tion, however, of whether
former Communists should be
barred from key government
offices.

Mr Bernard Raine (Cons)
asked: "Does not recent ex-
perience suggest that Com-
munists most dangerous to the
security of the State are rarely
open members of the Party and
is he aware of the growing
feeling in the country that no
ex-Communist and no one with
Communist affiliations should be
employed in any position of
trust?"

Mr Morrison: "I am not
without some general sympathy
with this point of view, but
it is not really wise to be so
dogmatic and rigid from the
point of view that there is never
any hope of any human being
seeing the error of his ways and
truly reforming." —United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Intransigent Iranians

THE Iranian Government appears
determined to ruin an industry
which is the country's greatest single
source of revenue. The conditions which
the Iranians seek to impose on the
Anglo-Iranian Oil Company can bear
only one result—the withdrawal of
highly-trained British specialists whom
the Persians are in no position to
replace. The prime sufferers inevitably
must be the Persian people whose liveli-
hood becomes imperilled. Inexplicable
is the government's refusal to consider
any compromise or modification of its
demands. The British Government and
the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company agree
with the principle of nationalisation and
have indicated they do not oppose its
implementation. What is requested
are fair terms but to this the Iranians
will give no ear. On the contrary the
Mossadeq government has gone out of
its way to aggravate a difficult situation
by introducing regulations which, in
effect, brand any foreign worker in the
oil fields as a saboteur should an
accident occur. The Persian Govern-

ment could hardly conceive a more
effective way of forfeiting the con-
fidence of the foreign specialists
working for the AIOC. Manifestly
they cannot be expected to con-
tinue to work under such intimidating
conditions. Understandably the British
Government takes a serious view
of the impasse, although what
effective action can be taken to correct
the situation is not easily discernible.
If the Iranians were prepared to adopt
a reasonable attitude the problem could
be speedily and satisfactorily resolved,
but everything points to the extremists
being in command and they, apparently,
have no intention of making the
slightest concession. The final outcome
probably will be the withdrawal of
British workers from the Iranian oil
fields without whose specialised
knowledge the industry cannot be
successfully operated. For reasons
known only to themselves the Persians
are wilfully ignoring this fact and are
jeopardising the future of the country.

Put The Offer To The Test

HOPES for a speedy ending to
hostilities in Korea, inspired by the
Malik out-of-the-blue cease-fire pro-
posal, are beginning to run into heavy
weather. Not unnaturally, in the light
of past experience of Soviet
manoeuvrings, a cautious attitude still
dominates the Western world. The
sincerity of Russia in advocating a
fresh bid for a negotiated settlement
without inserting anything suggestive
of unacceptable pre-conditions has been
called into question. The tendency has
been, particularly in the United States,
to search for the nigger in the woodpile
rather than to take the Russian pro-
posal at its face value. Fear prevails
that Kremlin schemers intend nothing
more practical than can be derived
from the propaganda value of the cease-
fire offer unless it be success in an
endeavour to cause a split among the
free countries. The trouble is that
vacillation in Washington and other

capitals over the nature of the UN
response, a spirit indicative of ultra-
caution, and the carrying of
scepticism to the extreme of demands
for guarantees as a prerequisite for
round-table talks, merely serve
Russia's purpose, assuming propaganda
is the prime purpose. It is about time,
in short, that minds were made up.
How much representing a conciliatory
attitude lies behind the Malik sugges-
tion should be open to a fairly easy
test. Better to arrange a cease-fire
with a minimum of conditions, and
leave the politics to subsequent
negotiations, than persist in useless
loss of life solely because of suspicions.
If the Communists are not ready to
discuss settlement terms in a calm
atmosphere, that can be made crystal
clear—and quickly. If the offer amounts
to nothing more than another bluff, let
it be called. At least, let us end the
dither.

known whether a cease-fire is in fact possible.

One point, reportedly not
cleared up in the Kirk-Gromyko
talk was the matter of guaran-
tees against a violation of any
cease-fire agreement.

And, because of Western in-
sistence on adequate guarantees,
there is some reason to believe
that Soviet military negotiations
in the field are insufficient in
the view of the American
government.

More detailed political dis-
cussions may be put forward
by Washington later. Earlier
in the day, diplomats of 18
United Nations countries fighting
in Korea formally declared their
readiness to end the war under
terms designed to bring about
"genuine and enduring peace"
in Korea. —Associated Press.

"SLIGHTLY HOPEFUL"

Washington, June 27.
The Secretary of State, Mr.
Dean Acheson, today received
what was described as a
"slightly hopeful" report from
the United States Ambassador,
Admiral Alan Kirk, on the
Ambassador's talks with the
Soviet deputy Foreign Minister,
Mr. Andrei Gromyko, on
Korean peace prospects.

Mr. Acheson immediately
called in some of his chief aides
to discuss the report. From
Admiral Kirk, one informed
source said Mr Gromyko did
not close the door on peace
talks and further discussions
would follow.

Mr Acheson and his assis-
tants compared Admiral Kirk's
report with State Department
records of previous conversa-
tions between United States
and Soviet diplomats in Mos-
cow at the time of the start of
the Korean war. Pending com-
pletion of the State Depart-
ment's study, however, no one
could say what the next step
would be.

One guess was the next de-
velopment might come at
United Nations Headquarters.
Several sources familiar with
Admiral Kirk's statement de-
clined to discuss details but
all agreed that it tended to be
optimistic—or at least not
especially discouraging.—United
Press.

FIRST REACTION

United Nations, June 27.
The US Ambassador to Mos-
cow, and Russia's ranking
Deputy Foreign Minister Wed-
nesday talked over in deep
secrecy Mr Jacob A. Malik's bid
for ending the war in Korea.
The first reaction in Western
circles in Moscow was somewhat
pessimistic, with hints that a
conference may be coming up
at the USSR capital.

Mr Malik himself remained
ill—and obviously without "in-
structions"—at his summer
home at Glen Cove, Long
Island. A spokesman said: "I
am authorized to state that Mr
Malik's radio speech explains
clearly enough his view on the
Korean question."

Clarification is sought by all
19 United Nations fighting in
Korea. Their diplomats, meet-
ing in Washington, declared
their readiness to join in "ac-
tion designed to bring about a
genuine and lasting peace in
Korea."

Mr Malik caused the furor
on Saturday by proposing in
a speech over a UN radio
programme that the belliger-
ents get together for cease-

fire talks and arrange a mutual withdrawal of troops from the 38th Parallel.

The spokesman said Mr
Malik had seen none of the
numerous diplomats who have
been trying to see him and get
further details.

US Ambassador Alan G. Kirk
in Moscow was received for 20
minutes on Wednesday by Deputy
Foreign Minister Andrei A.
Gromyko, who had just returned
from futile talks in Paris with
the West.

NOT TALKING

At the end of the Moscow
session, Mr Kirk was not
talking to outsiders, but the
impression prevailed in Western
circles in the Russian capital
that Mr Gromyko's ideas might
not be received enthusiastically
in Washington.

One Moscow diplomat said:
"We may be back where we
started."

Others said the world situation
is going to get worse before it
gets better.

A strong hint of the American
position came in Washington.
There, Secretary Acheson told
the House Foreign Affairs Com-
mittee that if a cease-fire can be
arranged, the "greatest guaran-
tee" against renewed aggression
would be the withdrawal of
Chinese troops beyond the Yalu
River boundary between Korea
and Manchuria.

Mr Acheson said that might
involve a withdrawal by stages
of all foreign troops but it
would take time because South
Korean forces would have to be
strengthened to resist anything
which occurred. — Associated
Press.

TO MAKE CONTACT

London, June 27.
The British Government has
sent instructions to Sir Gladwyn
Jebb, British representative at
the United Nations, to make
contact with Mr Jacob Malik,
Soviet delegate to the United
Nations, on his proposal for a
cease-fire in Korea, a Foreign
Office spokesman said tonight.

The spokesman added that the
British move was being made
in concert with the United
States delegate, Mr Ernest
Gross.

It was also learned tonight
that the British Government
has been in touch with the
French Government through its
Embassy in Paris, on the next
moves to be made to seek
clarification of Mr Malik's
speech.

As far as was known here
tonight no contact has yet been
made with the Soviet delegate.
—Reuters.

NY DISCUSSIONS

New York, June 27.
The United Nations Secre-
tary-General, Mr Trygve Lie,
today discussed the Korean
situation with Mr Ernest Gross,
United States alternate United
Nations delegate.

Mr Naumkin, Eastern, Presi-
dent of the General Assembly,
and Sir Benegal Rau, Na-
tional Indian delegate, attended
the meeting.

Mr Gross was instructed by
his Government to try to con-
tact Mr Jacob Malik, chief
Soviet delegate, but he was
unable to do so today.

The meeting was held to dis-
cuss the most possible steps to
be taken by the United Na-
tions to give effect to the
Soviet Korean "peace offer."
—Reuters.


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Friends Of Princess Become Engaged



The Marquis of Blandford and Miss Susan Hornby seen outside Miss Hornby's London home after their engagement had been announced. The Marquis, 25, and his fiancée, 21, have often been photographed with Princess Margaret. An officer in the Life Guards, the Marquis is the son of the tenth Duke of Marlborough. — AP Photo.

Ominous Peking Comment

Tokyo, June 27. Peking Radio said today that Western defence leaders had decided to send trained and fully equipped Japanese troops to Indo-China, Malaya and Burma before the end of August for use against the "people's liberation movements."

The broadcast said that last month's Singapore defence conference between British, American and French military leaders was told by an American representative that, if necessary, Japanese troops would be used "in any place" by the Western powers after the conclusion of a Japanese peace treaty.

The use of Japanese troops against the "people's liberation movements" in South-East Asian countries was one of the main topics at the talks, the Radio said.

It quoted Vice-Admiral Arthur Struble, Commander of the United States First Fleet, as telling the conference that "recruitment of battle-hardened men had already started in Japan."

The conference decided to dispatch the first batch of such troops to Indo-China, Malaya and Burma before the end of August, the Radio claimed.—Reuter.

Significant Broadcast By Pyongyang

Tokyo, June 27. Pyongyang Radio, official North Korean broadcasting station, tonight modified its "drive the enemy into the sea" propaganda line to "drive the enemy within the 38th Parallel." This was the first time that such a phrase was used.

The new propaganda line was broadcast when the Radio quoted the North Korean Government organ, "The Democratic Korea," as saying that the Korean people were now facing the most drastic trial "ever experienced in Korean history."

"The People's Army is fighting with the Chinese Volunteer Army in co-operation to drive the enemy within the 38th Parallel," the editorial said.

The Radio made no further comment about Mr. Jacob Malik's cease-fire proposal in tonight's broadcast. However, the broadcast ceased without warning at 1.15 a.m.—Reuter.

Dispute Over Will Settled

Los Angeles, June 27. Stephen, the seven-year-old illegitimate son of the late film producer Buddy De Sylva, was awarded \$82,500 today in a compromise settlement of the contest of the producer's will.

De Sylva, who died last July 11, left the boy \$50,000 but provided that the bequest was to be cancelled if the youngster's mother, Miss Marie Ballentine, contested the will.

The mother received \$10,000 of the amount approved today by Superior Judge Raymond McIntosh. The remaining \$72,500 goes into a trust fund for Stephen from which Miss Ballentine will receive \$300 a month for his support. Any remaining money in the fund when he becomes 21 will be paid to the boy outright.

The bulk of De Sylva's \$3,000,000 estate went to his widow, Mrs. Marie Wallace De Sylva, with whom he was reconciled after the birth of the child to Miss Ballentine.—United Press.

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BOASTFUL OUTBURST IN MOSCOW

Moscow, June 27. In anticipation of the annual air show in mid-July, the Army newspaper "Red Star" said today that the Soviet Union possessed the most powerful aircraft in all types of aviation, and now the Soviet Union possesses the world's best aircraft in speed, range, altitude and maneuver.

The noted war-time commander, Colonel N. Denisov, said that the Soviet Union possessed the first type all-metal aircraft which the American people could not match. He also said that the "mush-balled" Boeing Flying Fortress "Red Star" rejected the "bourgeois doctrine of the destruction of air power" and expounded the "Stalinist thesis" that "victory in modern war is achieved only by co-ordinated effort of all troops and arms."

The paper reminded its readers that the late War Commissar, Mikhail Frunze, said: "I consider an exaggeration the affirmation that the air force will be the principal arm of future war... And I think that class motives play a great role in this exaggeration. We see that in all great bourgeois countries living man gives way to the machine, which is not merely accidental but a reflection of those social relations existing in the bourgeois world."

The newspaper said: "The advanced Soviet aviation thinking is directed, by Comrade Stalin in his indefatigable, fruitful works so that the Soviet air forces will always be in all respects the world's best." A similar article in the newspaper "Red Fleet" said the Russians destroyed 75,000 of a total of 80,000 German planes built during the last three years of the war.—United Press.

Allocations To Far East

Washington, June 27. Nationalist China has been authorized to purchase \$6,030,000 worth of goods under the Mutual Defence Assistance Programme, the Economic Cooperation Administration announced today.

The ECA said that Indo-China has been authorized \$884,000 in MDA purchases, Burma \$634,000, the Philippines \$200,000 and Thailand, \$344,000. A total of \$4,250,000 of the China authorization is to be spent for petroleum products, the ECA said. The remainder of the funds is earmarked for the purchases of canned goods. The Indo-China authorization involved a wide variety of chemicals, paper products, minerals, machinery and textiles.—United Press.

Mystery Of Two Missing Diplomats Becoming Clearer

MACLEAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN A JAM

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, June 27.

Piece by piece the jigsaw puzzle of the disappearance of Guy Burgess and his friend, Donald Maclean, the Foreign Office diplomats, is being fitted together.

It has just been disclosed that Burgess had been negotiating for a job as leader writer for a London newspaper. It had been made clear to him that the Foreign Office would not continue to employ him.

He had a dinner appointment to discuss the new job on May 28 and another with his mother the previous night, which was a Sunday. He had planned a week-end cruise with an American medical student, expecting to be back in time to be with his mother.

All these were firm plans. All of them were suddenly scrapped. At a few hours' notice Burgess left for St. Malo with Maclean on May 25.

What made him do it, with so much at stake for his future? The key, investigators think, must rest with Maclean. This is the missing piece in the puzzle: if it could be established why Maclean wanted to leave England without telling either his family or his Whitehall superiors, much of the mystery might be cleared up.

Burgess, a quixotic man, as Jack Hewitt testified, must have changed his plans to go to Maclean's aid.

What trouble was Maclean in? Has he fallen more deeply into it? And is that the reason for his silence and Burgess'?

Find the cause, investigating officers believe, and the effects can be comparatively easily traced.

FRIEND'S STORY

Yesterday Burgess' closest friend, 34-year-old ex-actor Jack Hewitt, returned to London from a country holiday. With Hewitt I climbed 56 uncarpeted stairs to the three-roomed Mayfair flat which the two shared for the last seven years.

Hewitt, now office-supervisor for a London engineering firm, adjusted his rimless spectacles with a chubby hand and threw back a lock of his thick dark hair. Then, philosophically: "There's some of Guy's beer here. Have a drink."

And he moved to a case of bottles on the landing. I looked around the medley of nick-knackery littering every shelf, every bookcase and every hook and corner of Guy Burgess' 15-foot-square bed-sitting-room.

Everywhere books; books on shelves, on the floor, on the bed, on tables—everywhere. Books about politics, economics, philosophy, war and peace; Trotsky's "Karl Marx," Goebbels' "Annals of Politics and Culture," the lives of Salisbury, Penelick, Morley, Churchill, Pensonby; documents on British foreign policy, times on German and Russian foreign policy.

NO EXPLANATION

Hewitt met Burgess at a War Office party 14 years ago. In no way can he explain why Burgess should cancel a week-end cruise with an American medical student.

Said Hewitt: "For years I arranged his holidays and parties. This time, for some strange reason, he decided to make his own arrangements. I saw him last on the morning of May 25. I took him a cup of tea as I usually do. He was in bed. I said 'See you later' and left him in bed to go to work."

"I've never known a chap less likely to get into any sinister trouble. He was a heavy drinker but he always knew how far to go." Hewitt walked to the kitchen rum-bathroom. He took up a

plate near the gas stove, and tilted a slim brownish object into the bin. It was a smoked cod. "Guy bought it for his supper the night he disappeared," said Jack. "It's time it went."

Britain To Give Arms To Tito

London, June 27.

Britain has decided in principle to grant Yugoslavia military aid to strengthen Marshal Tito against Communist pressure, it was learned today.

Details are being worked out with the United States and France and an announcement is expected next month. Discussions were scheduled here today with the Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff, General K. Popovic, who is due here on Thursday from Washington.

Britain's aid would be modest and Yugoslavia would have to take the end of the line, after priority requirements of Commonwealth countries have been filled, informed sources said.

Yugoslavia would probably be given fighter planes of the Spitfire type, light tanks, textiles for uniforms, trucks and some tools for munition-making installations.—United Press.

Discussion On Palestine

Washington, June 27.

M. Jean Dardian, French Embassy chargé d'affaires, discussed Palestine problems with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. James Webb, today.

Leaving the meeting, M. Dardian told reporters: "We had a general review of the whole Palestine situation. But he declined to discuss specific problems taken up. 'We didn't even mention Korea. It was purely routine,' he added."

Observers here thought M. Dardian may have discussed France's answer to the Israeli note to Britain, France and the United States asking for assistance in collecting \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany.

American officials told the United Press that the United States' answer to Israel would be delivered in concert with the British and the French. It was also considered possible M. Dardian went into the problem of arms shipments to the Near East. Under the Franco-American agreement, Britain, three-power accord, Britain, France and the United States agreed to send arms to the Near East for legitimate defence needs.—United Press.

Story Of Narcotics Ring

Washington, June 27.

A Federal narcotics agent told Senate crime investigators today that the deported vice king, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, was overlord of the international narcotics ring smuggling heroin into the United States.

The narcotics agent, Charles Siragusa, who was in Italy working with the authorities there as recently as May, testified "Luciano is the kingpin of the narcotics trade, not only in this country but in Italy."

Luciano was also a top leader of the Mafia, dread secret Sicilian society, he alleged.

Siragusa backed up the Crime Committee's recent report on international activities of the Mafia. The society operated in all big American cities and he specifically mentioned Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Kansas City, San Francisco and Cleveland.

The hearing produced these other high spots:

A 20-year-old Baltimore Negro girl from the Maryland House of Correction testified that she started smoking marijuana "reefer" at the age of 13 and shot heroin into her veins at 19. She said: "Drugs are not good. You lose your respect, ruin your body and everything."

A 41-year-old Negro musician said he had used narcotics for 20 years and spent "all I earned" for heroin. He refused to say where he bought it.

A 57-year-old New York bookmaker, now under arrest here for narcotics violation, said he had been an addict for 38 years. He urged the authorities to watch the border, docks and airports to halt smuggling of heroin. He said: "If I never saw it, I would be off it."—United Press.

Korean War Casualties

Washington, June 27.

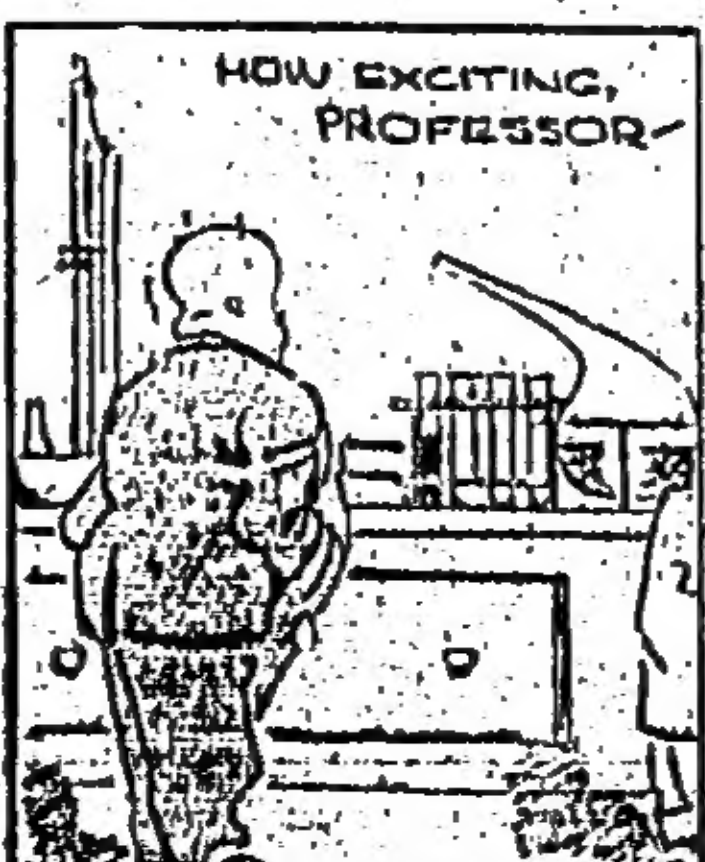
The United States Defense Department today reported a new total of 79,749 American combat casualties in the Korean fighting, an increase of 3,145 over a week ago.

This was the second consecutive week that the compilation showed an increase of more than 3,000. Last week's summary showed a total of 3,287. This reflected the heavy fighting a few weeks ago.

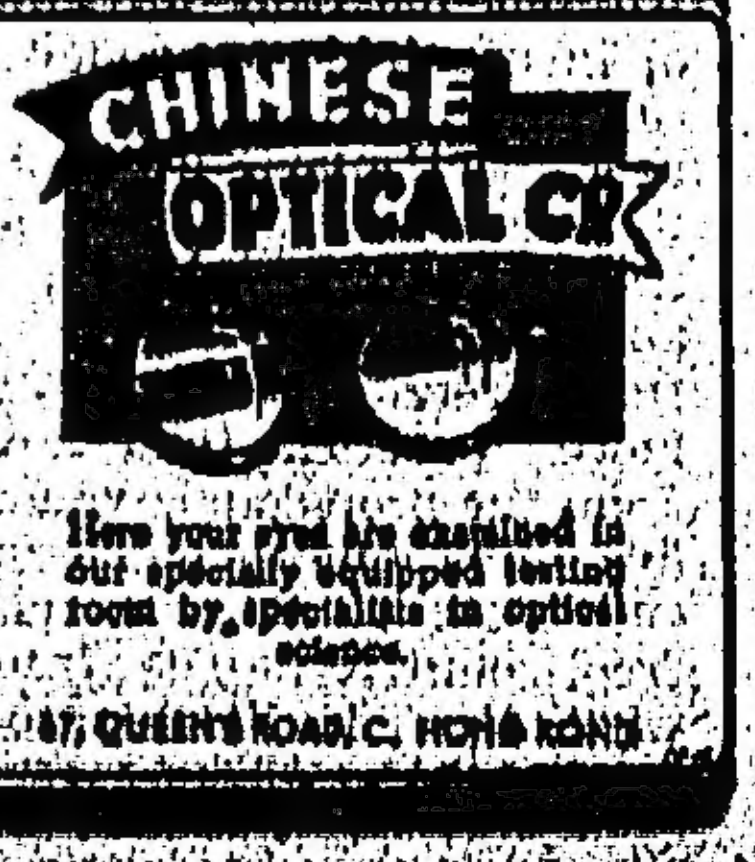
Today's total represented battle casualties whose next of kin had been notified through last Friday.

The total included—12,670 dead, 51,010 wounded, 10,660 missing and 150 captured.—United Press.

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Grave Matter



SATELLITE NATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE GETTING RESTIVE

Resistance To Russian Domination Increasing

Belgrade, June 27.

Spontaneous resistance in Eastern Europe to Soviet domination is on the increase, according to "Borba," official organ of Marshal Tito's break-away Communist Party.

"More and more frequent reports," the newspaper wrote, "are reaching us from the borders of these countries of the resistance...."

Three years of Moscow "despotism," combined with the "servile satellite" policy of the local leaders, have removed the last vestiges of independence and sovereignty existing in the East European countries, the newspaper added.

AMERICAN ARMS AID TO IRAN

Washington, June 27. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the military equipment the United States was sending to Iran at present must be considered as part of the long-range mutual assistance programme in which most free nations are participating.

Testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Acheson said Iran's share of the mutual defence assistance programme must be considered apart from this particular crisis.

There was a possibility that the outcome of the current difficulties there "may frustrate our efforts," and "conditions there or in any of the other participating countries may make it impossible for us to carry out our programme."

The Secretary of State said that if the result of the current crisis is "the disintegration of Iran's Government and economy," it will upset our programme, but the programme itself was designed to make Iran independent and build up her military forces to the point of being able to maintain internal security.

Mr. Acheson told the committee that the interests of Iran and Britain were fundamentally identical. He believed the problem could be solved if the Iranians could approach the British officers with a more open mind.

He added: "The critical nature of the situation and the vast importance of solving it cannot be exaggerated. The United States is making every effort to bring about a favourable solution."—United Press.

The people have lost their illusions about Soviet Russia and its "brotherly aid" and there is "spontaneous resistance."

Over 300,000 persons have fled to the West during the past three years and the number of public and secret treason trials staged is increasing.

Typical, says Borba, is a trial recently held in camera in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Four prominent Communist Party officials, Petko Kunin, Ivan Maslarov, Petar Temerdzije and Manola Sakelarov, were accused of collaborating with the late Vice-Premier of Bulgaria, Trajko Kostov, although, according to Borba, it is known that the men, especially Kunin, often came into conflict with him.

Kostov himself was tried and executed in December, 1949, for nationalist deviation and espionage.

Regardless of why Kunin and the other three men were tried, it is clear that those who tried them did not want the public to be informed of the details of the trial, Borba said, adding that in fact "the only news that leaked out was that these men were tried because they did not obey Chervenkov's (the Bulgarian Premier) satellite policy."

DIMITROV'S MAN

Petko Kunin was one of the most prominent of the Bulgarian revolutionaries and took an active part as such in the first and second World Wars.

During the Nazi occupation of Bulgaria, he escaped from a concentration camp and organised Communist guerrilla units in the Plevna region.

He remained as Political Commissioner in charge of the 11th operational zone of Bulgaria up to the time of the liberation.

After that, Kunin became a member of the Politbureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria and a member of the Supreme Economic Council.

His biographical data showed him to be "one of the closest collaborators" of the Prime Minister, Georgi Dimitrov, and it is in this that "Borba" thought Kunin's principal offence lay.

"HELPED" TO DIE?

The Yugoslav view is that Dimitrov secretly supported Marshal Tito in his stand against the Kremlin and resented Soviet interference in Bulgaria.

They believed that because of this he was allowed to die, or perhaps even helped to do so, when he went to Russia for medical treatment in 1949. According to some information, Kunin, the man in charge of Bulgaria's economy, used to give Dimitrov data on the economic plundering of Bulgaria by the Russians, Borba said.

"It was on the basis of this information that Dimitrov asked Marshal Stalin to cause the Soviet representatives in Bulgaria to modify their policy."

Here lay the reason for Kunin's secret trial. He opposed what Borba described as the "ruthless plundering" of his country and its reduction to a Soviet satellite status.

The other defendants, Ivan Maslarov, one-time member of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party; Petar Temerdzije, former secretary of the regional committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party at Silvano; and Manola Sakelarov, former Minister of Works, were, Borba maintained, similarly disposed.

FURTHER PROOF

Borba saw the Sofia trial as further proof of the existence in Bulgaria of a conflict between the old home-grown band of Communists who had led the resistance against the Germans and those who had been trained in Russia and later "imposed upon the Bulgarian people."

"The Bulgarian leaders who participated and distinguished themselves during the war against the Fascists, and who have remained faithful to the principles for which they took up arms, have today lost favour," the newspaper added.

"Instead, other men are being favoured, men who at best came from abroad or who had been politically inactive or even worked within the ranks of various Fascist organisations in the days when the Coburgs were in power in Bulgaria."—Reuter.

Peace In The Middle East Essential

New York, June 27.

James McDonald, former United States Ambassador to Israel, today told the Metropolitan business and professional associates of the American Jewish Congress that peace in the Middle East is essential because it would reduce radically Russia's present opportunities to capitalise on the Arab hostility to Israel.

Mr. McDonald said the Arabs are encouraged to keep up their economic and political boycott by the hope that Israel, which is taking in 200,000 immigrants yearly, will soon be later suffer an economic collapse.

Only when the Arabs were convinced that the boycott would fail, would it end and peace come to the Middle East. Israel's \$500,000,000 bond drive would strengthen Israel and bring peace in the Middle East closer.

Mr. McDonald said the Arab leaders started the boycott because they feared an economically advanced and democratic Israel set up in the midst of feudal and oligarchical Arab States.—United Press.

Persian Oil Crisis And Empire Defence



There has been much activity in London's Downing Street for the past few weeks, with urgent Cabinet meetings on the Persian oil crisis and the Commonwealth defence talks. In the composite picture above are (centre) Foreign Secretary Morrison leaving Downing Street to preside over a Cabinet meeting; (at right) Chief of Imperial General Staff Field-Marshal Sir William Slim and (at left) Defence Minister Shinwell arriving at No. 10 to meet the Commonwealth Defence Ministers. In lower picture are the Tehran offices of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. — AP Photos.

Pyongyang Asks Part In Treaty

Tokyo, June 27.

The North Korean Government has asked the Soviet Union to arrange for its participation in the Japanese peace treaty, according to Pyongyang Radio.

North Korea's Foreign Minister, Pak Il-hun, sent the request to the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, because "Korea was hit by the invasion of Japanese imperialism."

The Radio gave details of North Korea's wishes on the question of the Japanese peace treaty, one of them being that Japan should not be rearmament and that military bases would not be established in the country.

"We request an overall peace treaty after the complete evacuation of the occupation army in Japan. Otherwise, the Potsdam Declaration and the Yalta Pact will be violated," the Radio quoted Pak Il-hun as saying.—Reuter.

Berlin Proposal

Berlin, June 27.

The three Western Commandants in Berlin have suggested trade talks here with Soviet officials starting on Thursday, July 5, which they hope would prevent the recurrence of any "blockading" of West Berlin exports to the West.

The proposal was made by the three Commandants in a joint note to the Soviet Control Commission representative in Berlin, Sergei Dengin.

They suggested that experts of the four Powers meet in the Berlin British headquarters to discuss what measures would best achieve our common purpose of preventing illegal trade and, at the same time, ensuring the normal flow of legal trade.—Reuter.

Tragedy At Pyramid

Cairo, June 27.

A college student, Emil Fahmy Laka, was sitting below the Great Pyramid of Chizeh when he heard an ominous rumbling. Looking up he saw one of the huge stones which make the pyramid hurtling downward. Eye-witnesses reported that he tried to run away but the stone crushed him to death.

His parents sued the Antiquities Department of the Education Ministry on the ground that it was responsible for keeping the ancient monument in good order. They were awarded \$5,000 damages.—United Press.

THE CRITICS ANSWERED

Canberra, June 27.

Premier Robert Menzies told Parliament today in answer to Press criticism about the strength and training of the Australian force in Korea that his Government had confidence in the skill, experience and solidly qualities of the officers commanding the force.

No battalion in the Korean force was so consistently maintained at such high strength during the past eight months. On April 10 the battalion had sufficient reinforcements for two months' requirements. At the end of May, he added, 200 reinforcements had gone forward, and the flow of reinforcements was continuing at a high rate.

The Prime Minister said all Australian soldiers in Korea had at least three months' training before their departure from Australia, and "moreover, badly trained troops could not perform as did ours in difficult circumstances."—United Press.

Senators' Warning To Russia

Washington, June 27.

The Senate Committee investigating General MacArthur's dismissal warned Russia today not to be misled about American foreign policy disputes.

It said a Soviet-instigated world war would mean ultimate destruction to Russia.

The warning was contained in a statement approved by the Committee at the request of the chairman, Senator Richard Russell, who presided over the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committee inquiry into the recall of MacArthur and policy in the Far East.

Senator Russell made it clear that the statement was not a substitute for a report on issues involved in the investigation.

"It undertakes to express the belief that, despite differences of opinion which are inevitable in a democracy, we are united when we come to those fundamentals which are necessary to our survival," said Senator Russell.—United Press.

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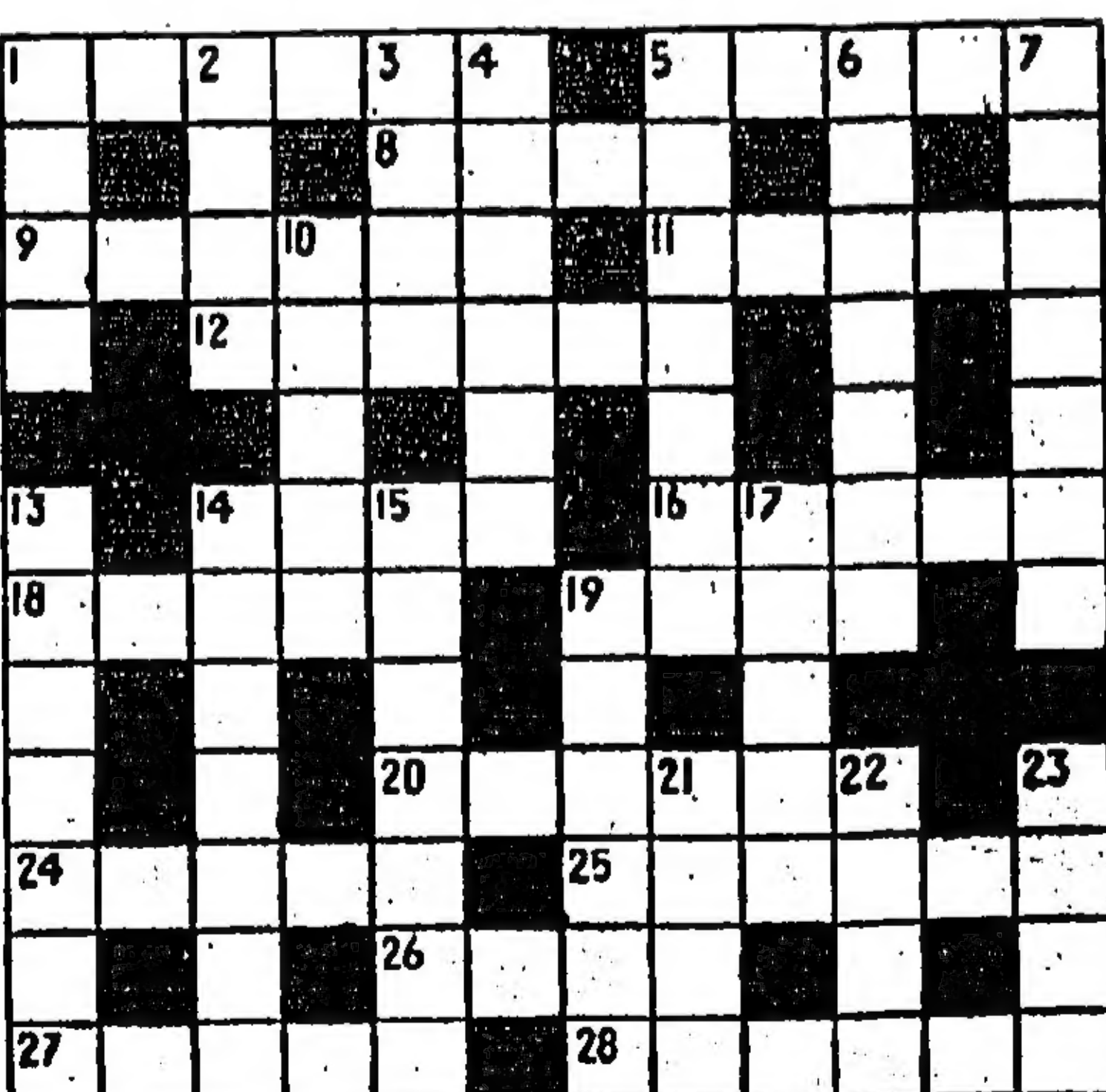
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- 1 Longing (6)
- 5 Thin piece (5)
- 8 Spoken (4)
- 9 Haphazard (8)
- 11 Hold forth (5)
- 12 More orderly (6)
- 14 Gala (4)
- 16 Film reel (5)
- 18 Stop (5)
- 19 Automatic weapon (4)
- 20 Plays (6)
- 24 Step (5)
- 25 Sizzling device (6)
- 26 Freezes (4)
- 27 Bombard (5)
- 28 Donno (6)

DOWN

- 1 Gloomy (6)
- 2 Despatched (4)
- 3 Measure of land (4)
- 4 Fur (6)
- 5 Flower-seller (7)
- 6 Desert (7)
- 7 Gem (7)
- 10 Plunge (5)
- 13 Charges (7)
- 14 Trumpet music (7)
- 15 Shoot (7)
- 17 Pertaining to punishment (5)
- 19 Scolds (6)
- 21 Water-vapour (4)
- 22 Error (4)
- 23 Parched (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Costs, 4 Claret, 8 Harrod, 10 Hines, 12 Redans, 14 Offence, 17 Core, 19 Isthmus, 20 Corrode, 22 Eden, 23 Erasing, 27 Beasts, 29 Lauds, 30 Stupit, 31 Rascel, 32 Rally, Down—1 Cargo, 2 Staff, 3 Stern, 5 Lara, 6 Hanson, 7 Themes, 8 Decides, 11 Inches, 13 Deserts, 16 Wood, 18 Earned, 19 Rulin, 20 Collar, 21 Rebus, 24 Astir, 26 Impel, 28 Ciddy, 29 Ains.

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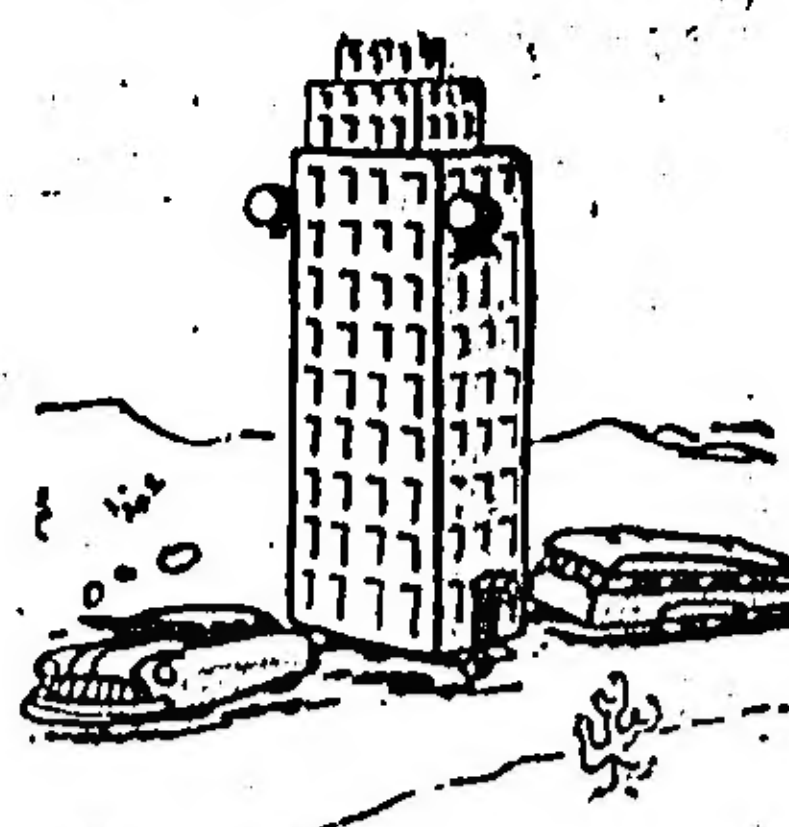
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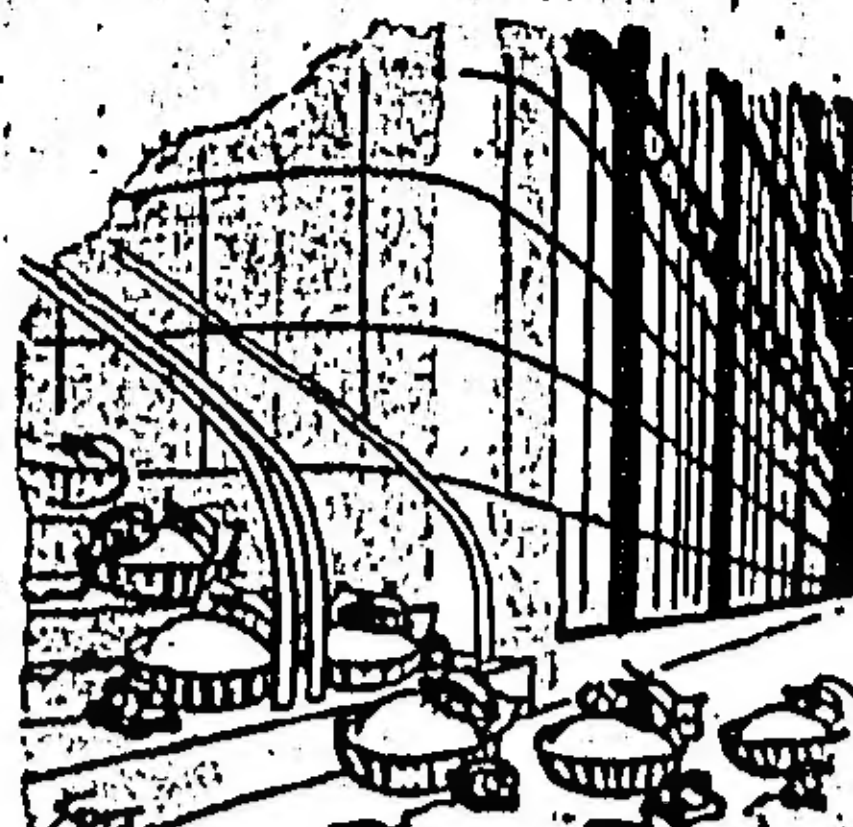
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their trailers 'way home in the
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expected to meet an old, bearded
giant and exclaimed when introduced:
"What? YOU'RE GILES? Why, I
thought you were only the driver."



To the first publican who doesn't
remind me that nearly all
London editors originally came
from Manchester, Walsley,
Southport, and all stations north.
London Express Service

NUCLEAR FISSION IN THE FRONT LINE

Washington.
PROBABLY the most
important place in
Washington these
days is the pleasant
looking marble building
which up to three months
ago described itself over
its portico as the "Public
Health Building."

It might more suitably be
described as the "Public Death"
building. For today it houses
the U.S. Atomic Energy Com-
mission, manager of the largest
single industrial enterprise on
the face of the earth and
guardian of the western peace,
most important asset in the
cold-to-ice-to-hot war now
going on against international
Communism.

All current information in-
dicates that that asset is being
skillfully husbanded and im-
proved. There can be no au-
thoritative estimate of the lead
which America still holds over
Russia in the atomic arms race.
But, if it is not any greater, it
is almost certainly still as wide
as the gap it used to be im-
mediately after the first — and
only one known to the Western
powers — Russian atomic ex-
plosion, detected in September
of 1949.

Since that time American
atomic development has made
impressive advancement. To-
day more money is being spent
on atomic weapons research,
production and development in
one year than during the whole
wartime construction phase of
the so-called Manhattan Project.

which have been put into the
tactical bomb and make it
possible to construct an atomic
charge of such a size that it
can be installed in an artillery
shell or a guided missile. It is
believed that an atomic artillery
shell may already have been
completed and that the guided
missile warhead is merely
awaiting development of a fair
degree of accuracy in its rocket
vehicle;

3. The "standard" bomb.
This is still the most important
weapon in America's atomic
arsenal, though it is at least six
times more powerful than the
weapons dropped on Hiroshima.
In other words it will generate
an explosion equivalent to
something like 120,000 tons of
TNT;

4. The hydrogen bomb. To
the regret of many sensitive
people, it now appears almost
certain that a hydrogen bomb
will be successfully pro-
duced. Official information
is sparse, but the guarded words
that have already been spoken
on the subject indicate that a
"trigger" mechanism that could
ignite the key element called
tritium is already near per-
fection.

A new factor of flexibility
has therefore been introduced
into atomic warfare. The

hydrogen bomb's target is
obvious and horrible.

The "standard" bomb can do
the same sort of job that was
done at Hiroshima, but more
effectively. It is the "tactical"
bombs, the atomic artillery
shells, the atomic guided missiles
that have brought nuclear
fission to the front line.

A whole division in close
formation could be pulverised
by one of these missiles, key
fortifications could be bombed
out with a single blow.

Atomic mine

A further development is an-
ticipated shortly—the testing
of the first underground explosion
which holds out the possibility
of placing a deadly sort of
atomic mine in the path of an
advancing army.

Whether Russia plans any-
thing like this is not known here.
Indeed, the great mystery of
the whole Russian programme
is the fact that only one Soviet
atomic explosion has been de-
tected by Western monitors so
far. If there had been others,
experts here are confident that
they would have been noted.

The most optimistic con-
clusion — that Russian develop-
ment is still highly primitive
and not in a state to stage wide-

spread death—is not generally
accepted here. The more favour-
able theory is that Russia, having
developed an effective plutonium
bomb, is concentrating all its
efforts on building up a stock-
pile of those weapons as
rapidly as possible.

If that is true, however, it
could mean that Russia, at least
for the time being, is lagging
far behind America in
"flexibility" of her atomic
arsenal.

The change of pace in
America's atomic programme —
shifting of emphasis thoroughly
away from peacetime purposes
— is symbolised in the change
in the Atomic Energy Com-
mission's top management.

David Lilienthal, a liberal-
minded missionary whose nature
was to turn away from the more
horrible aspects of atomic
energy and pin his hope to the
chances of a great new source
of peacetime power, managed
the vast project in the im-
mediate postwar years.

Today Gordon Bean, a firm-
lipped, bespectacled business
man, almost the last type of the
American "captains of industry,"
is running it. What he thinks
about the moral aspect of
atomic energy is not known.
But it is generally accepted
that he is running the show in
the best tradition of America's
industrial history.

There is no doubt that Mr
Bean is the right man at the
right job for these grim days.

Test explosions

TEST explosions are now being
staged at the rate of at least
one a month — a fact made
possible by the "comfortable"
size of the U.S. stockpile and
made necessary by the con-
tinuing innovations that are be-
ing developed.

Of course, the picture of
America's atomic stockpile
being a mass of big black
shaped all capable of wiping out
a fair-sized city is no longer
accurate. The U.S. is on the
way to developing a "family of
bombs" of assorted shapes and
sizes and purposes.

There are four leading mem-
bers of this family:

1. The so-called "tactical"
bomb, which is estimated to
have something like one half
the explosive power of the
original weapons dropped on
Japan. However, it can be
wrapped up in a comparatively
light and tidy "package" and
can be delivered by one-engine
carrier-based aircraft or even
by an ordinary tactical fighter-
bomber;

2. The "warhead" bomb.
This utilises the techniques



"Ah wish you'd take off dem
sun glasses!"

RED (Skelton's) PLAN

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New York.

IF some time this summer
you chance upon a
man with bright red hair
cavorting around London in
outlandish clothes, striking
wild poses, shooting off im-
promptu jokes at passers-
by — don't be surprised.
This will be Red Skelton.
Getting ready for television.

The same sort of thing has
been going on for weeks now
at Skelton's beautiful 14-room
suburban house in Bel Air,
Hollywood. It starts early in
the day, and never stops until
bedtime. Men with bright lights
and film cameras follow Skelton
wherever he goes, record his
every move and show it all
back to him later.

Day after day between now
and October, wherever he is
— and that includes a trip to
London — Skelton will be think-
ing TV, practising and rehear-
sing, throwing up new ideas,
throwing out old ones. He
wants to do not just a hit but
a milestone in a new entertain-
ment medium. Possibly his
unprecedented multi-million
dollar seven-year contract with
one of America's biggest soap
manufacturers is an added in-
ducement.

At 37, Skelton is already
about as big a name as any
actor can get to be. He makes
in the region of £25,000 every
time he does a film.

What his new TV contract
will bring him nobody knows
for sure, but reports are that
the gross will be in the neigh-
bourhood of £23,750,000, of
which, of course, a large part
will go on production costs,
salaries of his cast, agents, fees
and the rest.

What is unique about the
contract is its terms. Nobody

else in show business so far
has persuaded any sponsor to
guarantee to back a name or a
show for as far as seven years
ahead.

Skelton never rests. He is
always "on." The divorce com-
plaint filed by his first wife
alleged that he made her un-
happy by continually "cutting
up" at home.

His pranks have included
keeping a Polar bear cub in the
bath-room and teaching his



SKELTON AND FAMILY

dogs to hide under the sofa
when he calls "Here comes the
instalment man!" He wears out
25 suits a year crawling, climb-
ing and falling his way through
his acts.

He can afford to devote him-
self exclusively to making
people laugh. The trivia of
living, like running his home,
investing his money, attending
to the business details, writing
his letters, ordering his clothes,
are taken care of by a battery
of full-time protectors.

These include: His wife
Georgia, whose job it is to see
that he is shaved and present-
ably clothed at all times; his ex-
wife Edna (who remains his
friend and his second wife's
too), who until she fell ill a

month ago produced his radio
show; his office staff of eight,
who handle the fan mail and
the business letters; Be Root,
his manager, who invests his
money, buys and sells his
stocks and shares, and checks
the profit-and-loss accounts of
his businesses and assorted
others at home and in the
studio.

Says Root, who has been
with him for years, "Don't
ever be fooled by the dopey
things Red does. He's a shrewd
operator, a thinking man."

That thinking has paid is
not in dispute. Today Skelton

enjoys not only the income of a
pre-Nehru maharajah, but
further not exactly small
change from blocks of flats and
office buildings he owns in Los
Angeles, farmlands outside, oil
wells and cattle ranches all
over the South-Western States.

"Red pays attention
to business every day," says
Root. "One of the reasons he's
rich is that he lives simply. He
isn't a spender."

Hollywood agrees. After all,
Skelton has only two cars. He
doesn't even own an aeroplane.
All told, he probably doesn't
live at a rate of more than
£40,000 a year.

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A letter from New Delhi:

SUMMER AND THE PUKKA SAHIB

By ALWYN TEBBIT

New Delhi.
AMONG the foreign popu-
lation living in a tropical
country it is the little
things that matter. The
possibility of a shortage of
your favourite cigarette, or
the impossibility of a girl
being able to get her favour-
ite brand of lipstick, as-
sumes much greater impor-
tance than a major political
speech — unless politics
happen to be your job.

At the moment, Delhi is
divided — at least the foreign
population is. The division is
normal for the time of year, and
is between those who are going
away to the hills for the summer,
and the unfortunates who are
forced to stay behind.

The "going away" crowd are
anxiously scanning the daily
newspapers for any sign of
trouble in the favourite spot,
Kashmir. So far the situation
seems about normal, so tentative
arrangements are being made for
the hire of houseboats, trekking
trips into the heart of the Hima-
layas, the overhaul of fishing
rods and shotguns, and the
booking of seats on the plane
which lifts you over the 9,000
feet, cloud-wreathed Banihal
Pass which looks exactly like a
scene from "Lost Horizon."

Ingenuous schemes

The poor stay-at-homes are
busy, too, but in a different
direction. With slide-rules, pen-
cils and masses of scrap paper,
ingenuous schemes for fighting
the heat are being worked out,
and there is much talk of cubic
capacity of rooms, temperature
drop and air flow.

Real "air conditioning" costs a
fortune to install and the most
popular alternative, which works
out at about £50, is to buy a
powerful exhaust fan — the ones
that are used in factories to suck
out bad air — fix it so that the
fan sucks in instead of sucking
out, and then with the aid of a
contrivance which would do
credit to Emmet of hosiery and
a bag filled with wood-
shavings which is kept soaked
with water, the fan is induced
to suck in a certain amount of
cool air.

To cheer us up a little in the
present rather depressing atmo-
sphere of a promised "severe
summer" and a leap in the
already enormous cost of living
presented to us in the Indian
Budget, there is a new wisecrack
going the rounds of Delhi.

Butt of joke

The butt of the joke is, as
usual, Sardar Baldev Singh,
India's good-tempered Defence
Minister, who, without any valid
reason, is constantly being credit-
ed with perfect "Goldwynism."
I am not vouching for the truth
of this one as I was not in a
position to hear it first hand, but
here it is.

As everyone knows, the Kash-
mir problem is more and more
permanently before the United
Nations, and occasionally the
Indian representative replies in
kind.

Well, Sardar Baldev Singh was
supposed to be giving a pep-talk
to the Kashmir Government in
Srinagar, Kashmir's capital, 5,000
feet up and surrounded by moun-
tains which range up to 23,000
feet.

In the course of the speech the
Sardar is reported to have said:
"At all costs India will protect
Kashmir. We have already sent
our army; we have sent our air
force — and, by heaven, if the
need arises we will send the
navy."

Cost of living

But this cost of living business
is deadly serious. We can put
up with the rise of £1 a month
in our income tax, the 6d. on a
tin of fifty cigarettes, 2d. a gallon
on petrol — now 4s. 6d.; but on a
major item of our diet, not for
the well-known brands? It has
now gone up to 43s. a bottle, and
next month Delhi is to have a
sales tax — purchase tax to you —
and that means a further rise of
1s. 6d. a bottle. However, in
Bombay, because of prohibition,
it's £6 a bottle.

Talking of whisky, there are
very few Scotchmen in Delhi.
Most of them are in Calcutta or
Bombay — where the real money
is. But occasionally Mr J. J.
Lawson, a Scot who is general
manager for Southeast Asia for
one of Britain's "big four" motor
manufacturers, comes to the
capital from his headquarters in
Ceylon. And he drinks my
whisky.

Recently I accidentally poured
him out a tot of (shall we call it
"Empire") whisky. I kept for
unsuspecting visitors.

Johnny Lawson took one sip,
gave a horrible grimace, and said
in all seriousness: "For that
insult, man, when Scotland gets
her independence, you will be
put on a blacklist of very
undesirable visitors." A double
tot of the "real thing" only went
a short way to getting myself
back into Scotland's good books.

Food problem

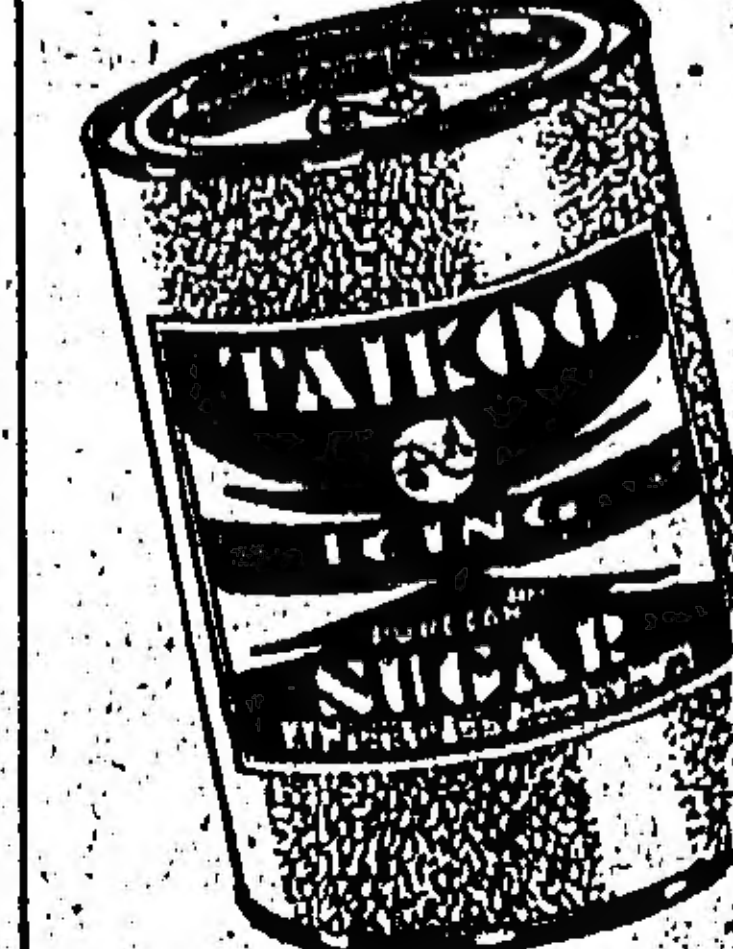
Like Britain — we rarely use
individual names because we
never know whom we may offend
— India is preoccupied above all
else with the problem of food.
But the problem is heightened
here because there are two dis-
tinct classes — the meat-eaters,
who include practically all
foreigners of any nationality, and
the vegetarians, mostly Hindus.

For the meat-eaters there is
almost unlimited food. If you
have a gun, or can borrow one,
you can go six miles outside
Delhi, and most other cities, and
in the morning shoot yourself
enough duck, pheasant, quail,
deer and what-not to last a
month, and in the market you
can buy anything except beef —
the cow being sacred.

But the poor vegetarians, who
mostly live on rice or a peculiar
wheat cake something like the
pancake, are in a bad way — not
because of shortage of money,
but because of religious prejudice
and age-old custom.

The arrival of ships bringing
grain — many of them from
Australia — is front-page news.
But the Indians are a resilient
race, and are adept at throwing
themselves into causes which
take their minds off more
unpleasant things.

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the cake



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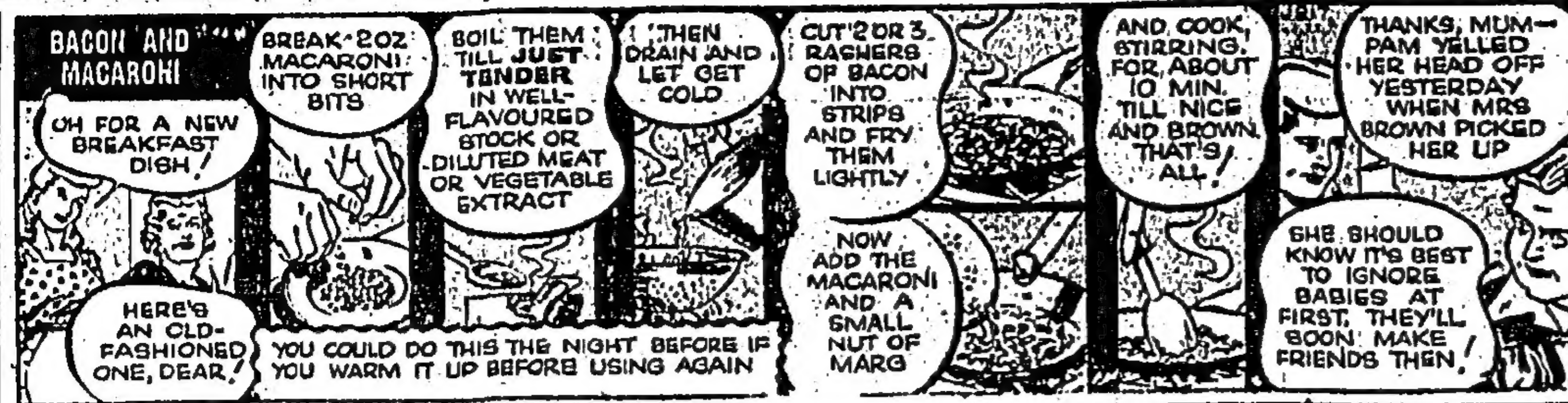
A well tailored, suave sheath of a dress paired with a beautifully cut, matching jacket totals up to a wonderful outfit. It is ready for any afternoon-evening activity, indoors or out. The sort of outfit shown here, is typical 1951 warm-weather suit as New York sees it. Grosgrain silk in a delectable shade of lilac is used for the slim side-wrapped, sleeveless dress. The collar and cuffs of the jacket are doubled with white pique, and the deep neckline is filled in with a cluster of tiny lilac blossoms. The pockets are flanged into the jacket's pleat at either side.

Paris Afternoon
Dresses

According to a Paris couturier, late afternoon dresses are sufficiently formal for dinner wear; typical is a model shown in a collection, of midnight blue, shot taffeta with wide, deep V decolletage filled in with black tulle gimples.

Crisp fabrics generally are liked by this designer, particularly taffeta, faille, and both silk and wool ottomans. The silk is used for a redingote style with the "bergere" decolletage, over black skirt and white organdie blouse with up-standing neckline ruffle caught by strand of pearls.

Net and heavy satins appear for smart, simple evening gowns. They all have bare tops and full skirts. One of them in tea rose net has its bodice entirely pleated in zig-zag movement down to the hips where the pleats are released in a very full skirt. Another gown consists of smooth of midnight blue satin, with a loose, floor-length panel of Empire green satin cut on the bias starting at one side of the bare-top-decolletage and crossing the bodice diagonally at front.



SUSAN DEACON

At Ascot

Women Fall
Into Three
Groups

WOMEN at the Royal Ascot race meeting each year fall easily into three groups:

The Women WHO WEAR the Fashions.

The Women WHO GO TO WATCH the Fashions.

THE PUBLICITY SEEKERS.

THE Women Who Wear the Fashions will display traditional Ascot clothes in the traditional manner. A wide-skirted dress (usually sheer), a cartwheel hat (usually black), a piece of fur. There has been only one fine Ascot in the last four years, so there will be a raincoat and rubbers in the boot of the car or carried by madam's escort.

8 hat pins

MRS. GERALD LEGGE is a typical "Woman Who Wears the Fashions," and you see her here in her 1951 Ascot ensemble.

The dress is black satin striped, organza and has four gathered loose panels from the hipline. The hat, anchored with eight hat pins, is in black shiny straw and has a 10-inch brim undrilled with four dozen curled ostrich feathers.

This is worn with a matching muff, black gloves and shoes.

It is the perfect Ascot outfit, a hot day the sheer fabric and floating panels will look cool.

If the weather is dull, black will look sensible—and it's a dress which will not crush under a waterproofer.

They enjoy it

THE Women Who go to Watch the Fashions are ready for anything....

MRS. GERALD LEGGE
in the Dress of the Week

SCOTTIE SAYS—



They hope to "back a winner" to see the Princess, and above all, to have a good day out.

And they probably have a better time than anybody because, unlike the publicity seekers, they don't have to worry about being seen and, curiously enough, they enjoy

watching other women dressed up.

Ovar-doses

THE Publicity Seekers look to Ascot and are prominent in the crowds. Means of recognition: Over-trimmed hats; Off-the-Shoulder necklines; Taffeta cocktail dresses. They wear "trick" fashions—hats with sunshades, fruit-trimmed hats with raincoats. Anything to catch the photographer's eye!

Turning point

Last Word on Women Drivers—by a Man:

"IF A WOMAN DRIVER SIGNALS TO YOU FROM HER CAR, YOU CAN BE SURE OF ONE THING ONLY—SHE HAS GOT THE WIND-UP DOWN."

HOW TO REDUCE "SAFELY"

It is dangerous to reduce more than two pounds a week. Energy will be reduced; the nervous system will suffer. And there is something else to be considered; reducing is not confined to the body; the tissues of the face will also become depleted. Unless the process goes slowly, conditions will be ripe for premature wrinkles.

Why seek a more youthful figure if you must pay for it with an older face?

Even when weight is cast off slowly, it is necessary to give the complexion extra care in the way of anointing with nourishing creams. In salons where figure remodelling goes on, a vitalising facial treatment now, and then is a part of the project.

The intake of food must be of the kind that keeps the body fit, but not fat. Elements that build adipose tissue are sweets, starches and fats. These must be cut down, but not eliminated.

Coffee taken clear in the morning will cut down on the calories. Fruits should be substituted for pastries. Buttermilk and unsweetened lemonade are recommended.

Since the mid-section is the favourite lodging place for fat cells, there should be a half hour set aside each day for bending and torso-twisting exercises.

DUMB-BELLS

JACOBY
ON BRIDGEWho Do You Like,
Bidder or Player?

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHOM would you rather have for a partner—a good bidder whose play is poor or a poor bidder whose play is good? Bridge experts debate this question, and they usually prefer the good bidder. My own opinion is best shown by means of a hand from a recent tournament.

The declarer at one table was a good bidder, while the declarer at the other table was a poor bidder. In the first room, the good bidder reached the excellent contract of six spades in the diamond suit. West opened the queen of diamonds, and dummy won with the king. Now Mr. Good Bidder led a low spade from dummy. East played low, and declarer won with the king of spades in his own hand.

When West failed to follow suit, Mr. Good Bidder came to the sickening realization that he could not make his contract. East was bound to make two trump tricks. East would save the ace to kill dummy's king, after which he would lead his nine would make a second trump trick.

It is easy to see that correct play would prevent East from winning two trump tricks. After winning the first trick with the king of diamonds, declarer should lead the jack of spades from the dummy. There is no problem in leading the queen of diamonds, as all of the missing trumps. If West has all

four trumps, he cannot be prevented from winning two tricks. If East has four trumps, it is imperative to lead the jack of spades from dummy to trick his ten or his nine. When the jack of spades is led, East wins with his ace. Regardless of the result, declarer can play the lead a trump. East can play the nine, but South wins with the queen and re-enters dummy in order to finesse through the ten of spades. This line of play was adopted by Mr. Good Player at the second table. He therefore succeeded in making twelve tricks.

CARD Sense

Q—With neither side vulnerable, your partner deals and bids one diamond. The next player doubles. You hold: Spades 7-3, Hearts 6-4, Diamonds K-Q-J-3, Clubs K-Q-7-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. This raise shows a weak hand with fair diamond support. It can hardly hurt the opponents out, but it may indicate a paying sacrifice bid to your partner. If the do not show your meagre strength now you will probably never get another inexpensive chance to do so.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Q—With neither side vulnerable, your partner deals and bids one diamond. The next player doubles. You hold: Spades 7-3, Hearts 6-4, Diamonds K-Q-J-3, Clubs K-Q-7-4. What do you do?

Answer tomorrow.

Check Your Knowledge

- Who invented the barometer?
- When London is at 12 noon what is the time at Moscow?
- Name the most valuable sea product of France.
- What were the family names of Romeo and Juliet in Shakespeare's play of that name?
- What is a cathode?
- The upper shell of a turtle of that is known as a tortoise shell is made of what?

(Answers on Page 10)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

I SEE that the "Freemasons" are one moment. Can't we come straight to "The Fight in the Swamp?"

Myself: The what? The Freemasons? The what? The Indian Chief which you started on Saturday?

Myself: You're thinking of something you read in some other paper. Nothing of that sort goes on here.

Freemasons: But you promised the second instalment for today. Chief Wookawookahoochoo of the Kuppakawfee Indians.

Myself: Someone has been pulling your leg. I haven't the faintest idea what you are talking about. Go and lie down, until you feel better.

Overall underdelivery

THE Secretary of the Friends of Coal complains that my note on the negative or overall underdelivery of coal was misleading.

While conceding that a negative delivery is a delivery, the high official of the Society maintains that a delivery of nothing or non-delivery of anything is a positive delivery. In the shape of a Union sense, more in line with the best contemporary thought than a negative delivery of something. As for

what is called overall underdelivery (the system by which one or two units of personnel get four jumps of pay while the rest of the staff get nothing), this has already been dealt with by the Government scientific adviser, Sir Arnold Humbody.

Tin talk

THE shortage of tinplate, a commodity which may one day be too scarce to save us from the appalling menace of fresh food, can be overcome. According to the experts, if tinplate became scarcer, plastic containers could be used.

The raw materials of plastics were not scarce. The shortage of plastics could be made up by using glass vessels, if the supply of glass were not so restricted. There remains canvas, of which there is hardly any, which cannot be supplemented by krakasse, of which there is none.

Perhaps not

THE plea that women should start at once to make their hair in preparation for the Festival, is one that deserves comment. Why not confront the tourists with 200,000 bathing beauties arranged in the shape of a Union Jack on Salisbury Plain, and every girl having red, white, and blue hair? It's only a suggestion.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... by STELLA

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

IF you are born today, you are very independent and highly individualistic. You know exactly what you want and are one to go out after it. You are not the type that none has ever tried previously. You are one of those rare individuals who combine a talent for the arts with executive ability.

You may very easily devote most of your life to business, politics or commerce while pursuing an artistic career as a hobby. Then, a time may come when your hobby becomes your life work. This quality of talent is a real asset if you do not let it scatter your energies over too wide a field for effectiveness.

It is likely that the middle of March will be an unfavorable period for any major project in your life and you should be warned of this. However, if you are prepared and forward, then all will go well.

You are an affectionate person and will be happiest if you wed at a fairly early age. You will want your own home and family for they will bring you contentment and a feeling of emotional stability. You are rather susceptible to flattery, and must guard against believing every thing that is said to you. Those who might try to take advantage of you by extravagant praise.

To what waste the stars have in store for tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

CANCER (June 21-July 23)—Keep a careful watch on your budget. Neither a borrower nor a lender be—and you'll be safe and wise.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A calm attitude, even toward annoying tribulations on the home front, will help straighten things out today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Personal initiative and the develop-

INTELLIGENCE TEST

CRAZY STAKES

By T. O. HARE

I LOST all three rubbers at Bridge last night," said Dick Brown. "I lost the first rubber to Joe Addition, the second to Ouliver Swift for the third to a club member."

"What were the stakes?" "Crazy stakes," said Dick. "Invited by that idiot."

Swift, five bob a hundred for the first rubber; for the second, as many bob as the first rubber had totalled 2000 points. We had made the stakes a club member. The stakes for the third rubber depended on the same way on the result of the second rubber. Last night, it cost me a bob more than the first.

How much was won or lost by Dick?

(Solution on Page 10)

POCKET CARTOON



ing late at the office and really mean it.

Drivers in some of the cars in movie smashups are dummies—too!

Most people go after what's worth having after a while—in- stead of now.

CROSSWORD

Across

2. From a spy rat we can get a road-works machine. (6)

3. The passengers wait it (6)

4. This clue is detectable (6)

5. What is a lake alone (6)

6. What a top-tier distiller plays (6)

7. Handel wrote the famous one (6)

8. Found a liquid peg (6)

9. Always topical (6)

10. Necessary work in rivers (6)

Down

1. Rare quips give something to be (6)

2. The passengers wait it (6)

3. This means quantity (6)

4. What is a lake alone (6)

5. What a top-tier distiller plays (6)

6. Handel wrote the famous one (6)

7. Found a liquid peg (6)

8. Always topical (6)

9. Necessary work in rivers (6)

10. Rare quips give something to be (6)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Merlin's Brilliant Idea

—He Worked Magic on the Shadows—

By MAX TRELL

"HOW," said Mr. Merlin the Magician, "would you like me to change you into something else—anything else?" he added. "Anything else you'd like to be."

"Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, thought that this was a wonderful idea. Mr. Merlin, as they well know, was one of the most amazing magicians in the world. He could do anything he said he could do.

"Just tell me what you'd like to be changed into," Mr. Merlin continued, smiling, "and I'll have you changed into it in a second."

"And—then will you change us back again into ourselves whenever we want?" Hanid asked.

Rupert and the Coughdrop—34



Very soon the little people have left the light of the candle and are sailing through the starry night again. Before long Santa Claus and his reindeer are seen and disappear ahead.

"Now," he said, "has either of you ever thought what it would feel like to be a brook?"

Hanid said: "Oh! That's what I want to be, Mr. Merlin!"

"Very well, my dear. Now how about you, Knarf? How would you like to be a tree?"

"Fine!" cried Knarf joyfully. "I've never been a tree."

Now that everything was decided, Mr. Merlin simply mumbled a few magic words, clapped his hands and—poof!

The next instant Hanid felt herself falling on the ground and growing longer and thinner. She felt soaking wet, but it wasn't at all unpleasant. On the contrary, she felt so happy that she at once started singing and laughing. She was a brook!

As for Knarf, his arms suddenly shot out on both sides of him. He began stretching up... up, and out... out. His clothes turned into bark. Leaves grew all over his arms and head. He was a tree!

Hanid the Brook had a wonderful time. She could feel herself running across the field and under the stone bridge and

Dance
Date-Dress

By GRACE THORNCLEIFF

SLATE gray taffeta makes up nicely into a pretty little date and dancing dress. Turned-back cuffs at the shoulders dip into the open neckline. The bodice is snug, and is buttoned to the waist with jewel-studded buttons. The skirt, which is draped over a small crinoline at the hips, has sun-blast

plated heels.

